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**Theta leads a national
fire-safety movement by
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*Fire sprinklers were recently installed in the
Gamma Delta house at Georgia.*

Roll the Presses!

Did you know that this issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* is the culmination of more than five centuries of technological advancements?

Really. It is.

Although the world's first magazine (a German periodical called *Edifying Monthly Discussions*; doesn't that sound like fun?) didn't appear until 1663, magazine publishing could more properly be said to have been born when Johannes Gutenberg invented movable type about 1450 ... more than five centuries ago.

Thanks to Gutenberg's invention, hundreds of millions of books, magazines, pamphlets, and brochures have spread literacy and general knowledge to all levels of society in most countries. Thanks to Gutenberg's invention and the capabilities of print for transmitting and storing knowledge, the modern world was created. Thanks to the invention of print and the subsequent multiplication of knowledge, radio, television, film, microfilm, and even the Internet have evolved.

Sounds impressive, doesn't it?

But then we think back to that kindergarten class where we carved a shape into half of a potato, smeared paint on it, and pressed it against a piece of paper to make a design. And we think that, yes, books and magazines are wonderful, but surely producing them isn't all that complicated.

It is true that the concept behind printing is a simple one. But the technology behind printing is a bit more involved.

Gutenberg's press consisted of a lower surface and a movable upper surface, connected by a screw. Type pieces, which were made by pouring a metal alloy into a mold, were arranged one at a time in a composing "stick" to form words and sentences. After enough composed type to print one page had been assembled, it was secured in a metal frame, inked, covered with a sheet of paper, and then pressed in the vise formed by the upper and lower surfaces of the printing press.

Over the next 350 years, improvements to the screw printing press increased its durability and the quality

of the print it produced. And the ever-increasing demand for printed materials led to innovations that allowed different operations of the printing process to be joined in a single cycle. So we progressed from the screw press to the roll-fed rotary press to the offset press, and along the way, we also invented typesetting machines that further mechanized publishing.

And now we are in the computer age.


For years, pundits have been claiming that the proliferation of home computers and the omnipresence of the Internet would sound the deathknell of printed matter. They were, as pundits so often are, wrong. Printed texts and documents have two advantages that prevent their extinction: they are directly accessible (which explains why the most common accessory to a home computer is a printer), and they are permanently available for reference and reflection.

This is not to say that the computer age hasn't changed—even revolutionized—print. The borders dividing the different types of media are becoming more and more blurry every day. Witness the recent launching of magazines based on and supporting television shows, cable networks, and websites.

And thanks to digital technology, the actual printing process is more efficient than ever. We've not only moved far beyond movable type, we've eliminated the need for film imaging. This issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* was printed using computer-to-plate technology, a fully digital, filmless process that improves print quality, streamlines production cycles, and saves money.

In 1795, standard printing capacity was about 250 pages an hour. Today, it's about 3000 *feet* of paper *per minute*. So as we begin a new millennium, let's celebrate a centuries-old technology that continues to change and enrich our lives.

Loyally,



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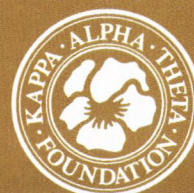
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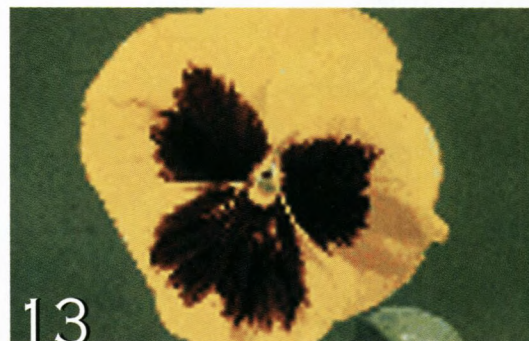
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Betty Oliver Seabolt, $\Gamma\Delta$ /Georgia, painted the watercolor of the Gamma Delta Chapter house, which is used by permission of the house corporation.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA MISSION STATEMENT

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

FRATERNITY STATISTICS (as of December 15, 2000)

College Chapters122
Colonies1
Alumnae Chapters77
Alumnae Clubs160
Initiated Members	...176,012

IMPRESSIVE INITIATION

I feel moved to write to you about the beautiful initiations held at Beta Chi Chapter (Alberta) this November 4.

I had the honor of attending my daughter's initiation last year, and she invited me to attend again this year, as two nieces of one of my "pledge class" sisters were being initiated this year. We enjoyed a mini-reunion and also met several other alumnae who attended to see their legacies initiated.

Everything was well-organized and went smoothly, even with some of us rusty oldies. The ritualist, Genevive Nash, and the president, Terry, were well-prepared, as was the whole chapter. It was especially satisfying that the alumnae were welcomed with open arms, and encouraged to participate in our beautiful ritual, and afterwards in the fireside. One member commented that it was important to see mothers, sisters, and aunts to appreciate that Theta is not just "here and now" but something held valuable for generations.

Heather J. Thomson Walker
Beta Chi/Alberta
via e-mail

ACCOMPLISHED THETAS

This letter is in honor of a good friend and fellow Theta, Amy Wilson, Zeta Nu/UC Davis. In June 2000, Amy returned from Malawi, Africa, after spending time as a Peace Corps volunteer. While in the Peace Corps, Amy experienced emotional, mental, and physical hardships, trials that I can't imagine, let alone live through on a daily basis. She endured because of her love of humanity and her desire to help those who are less fortunate. In doing so, Amy has served as an inspiration to all who are fortunate to know and love her. While the transition back into a comfortable American way of life will be a difficult one, her friends (many of whom are Thetas) will be there to support and guide her. I praise Amy for her strength and love, and I'm glad to have her back!

Julie Fandrich
Zeta Nu/UC Davis

The year 2000 is the 50th anniversary of the Ladies' Professional Golf Association (LPGA). A Theta was one

of the 13 founding members, and one of the eight who is still alive! This extraordinary woman is Marilynn Smith, who was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta at Kansas University.

Marilynn's accomplishments have been many and varied. Even at age 70, she is still going strong, appearing at charity tournaments nationwide and hostessing her own tournament for the benefit of the Children's Tumor charity in Texas.

I have had the privilege over the past few years of traveling on all-lady golf trips hosted by Marilynn. I have found her to be a gracious, giving, and impressive individual. She has provided terrific impetus for women of all ages to become involved in this live-long sport for the past 50 years.

Marilynn deserves enormous credit, and perhaps other Thetas will want to nominate her to the LPGA Hall of Fame in 2001.

Nancy Gould Siemers
Beta Delta/Arizona
via e-mail

LIFE CHANGES

I am preparing for a large move in January: getting involved with both the Army and the rest of my college education. I have enjoyed receiving the Theta magazine, but since I will have no permanent address for most of next year, please remove me from the mailing list.

Thank you very much for your work with *The Magazine*. It is good, not only for Theta bonding and keeping socially "current," but I just read in my Grand Convention issue about the ELCs, and the new KAΘ chapter forming at University of San Diego. I will be transferring there to complete my Bachelor's degree! Funny how life

takes us where we are meant to be, yes? I look forward to my new campus at USD, and meeting a whole new generation of Thetas.

Jennifer Smolen
Alpha Sigma/Washington State
via e-mail

THETA BADGES

In the Summer 2000 issue, there was an article regarding Theta badges. A portion of it read, "While most members retain their badges throughout their lifetimes, badges often find their way to Fraternity headquarters, to college chapters, or—unfortunately—to antiques sales, estate sales, or online auction sites...." I am sure some badges wind up in the wrong hands because members or families of deceased members are not aware of the appropriate dispositions for Theta badges.

I wanted to point out that badges can get into the wrong hands as a result of loss or theft, as well. My badge, for instance, was stolen in a home burglary approximately five years ago.

Carolyn Cate James
Delta Pi/Tennessee
via e-mail

Editor's note: Please see page 12 of this issue for a story about another member's stolen badge.



WRITE TO US!

Letters to The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine may be sent to Liz Rinck, Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268; LRinck@KappaAlphaTheta.org. Letters may be edited for length.

CORRECTION

In the Autumn 2000 issue, the photographs of two of the Founders Memorial Scholarship recipients were misidentified. The photos, correctly identified, are reprinted here.



Amanda Schnitker
ΓΠ/Iowa State



Jenny Urice
ΑΟ/Oklahoma

ALS VOLUNTEER

-by Roslyn Seabury Collins,
ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan

When her mother began to stumble and have difficulty walking, Sally McKernan Nousek, Kappa/Kansas, had little indication that these symptoms would dramatically change the focus of her own life and lead her to a commitment to help others cope with ALS, an unforgiving neurological disease.

Seventeen years later, Nousek has been named Outstanding Volunteer of the Year by the ALS Association of Northeast Ohio and has also been nominated for one of the Distinguished Women in Health Care awards by the *Health Care Monitor*, a regional publication for health-care professionals.

When Nousek's mother became ill, it took several months of differing medical opinions before a diagnosis of ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease)—a degenerative neuromuscular disease with no known cause, treatment, or cure—was reached. In ALS, the motor nerve cells in the nervous system cease functioning and die. Although the patient's mind remains unaffected, muscle control becomes completely lost, and total paralysis sets in. Nousek's mother declined rapidly, and death followed in about nine months.

In 1985, Nousek began a campaign to promote awareness of this disease and to start an ALS support group to aid others facing this illness. Her small initial group is now the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the ALS Association, aiding patients and families in 32 counties.

In the early days, the group was headquartered on Nousek's dining room table, and boxes of ALS pamphlets filled her other living spaces. Today, the chapter has its own office, executive director, and a 14-member board of directors. In addition to orga-



Sally McKernan
Nousek, K/Kansas

Wear It With Pride

March 5, 2001, will mark the fifth annual International Panhellenic Badge Day, an effort that encourages fraternity women to celebrate their Greek affiliations by wearing their badge or letters. The public awareness campaign is titled Enduring Values, Eternal Friendships ... Honor Your Badge on International Badge Day.

By wearing letters or badges, fraternity members can encourage questions and discussion about the Greek system. We can promote the life-time opportunities for friendship, leadership, learning, and service that Theta provides.



For more information about NPC's International Badge Day, contact the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) office, 317-872-3185, or visit their website, www.npcwomen.org.

nizing services and fund-raisers and providing awareness information, the chapter also maintains a durable medical equipment loan bank, which furnishes hospital beds, lift chairs, augmentative communication devices, wheelchairs, and other equipment to patients. Nousek is now able to focus on her responsibilities as patient services chairman for the chapter. She also fields questions from health professionals, providing video tapes and instructive pamphlets to students, and has placed the ALS chapter on the United Way's "first call for help" phone line.

At a recent meeting of the Cleveland Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, Nousek recalled her early days at the Kappa Chapter. In addition to warmth and acceptance, she also found the commitment to service that she retains to this day. She is an active alumna, serving as a chapter officer and on numerous committees, and has been honored as Outstanding Theta of the Year.

FRATERNITY HONORED

The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine was honored at the 2000 conference of the College Fraternity Editor's Association (CFEA). "Shouting at a Silent Killer (Summer 1999), by Jan Schmitz Mathew, Delta/Illinois, received first place in the Profile Article Contents category. Theta's website

(www.kappaalphatheta.org) received second place in the Website category.

"GEN Y"

Generation Y—the children of the baby-boom generation—began enrolling in college this year, and they hit campuses across the nation in record numbers. The Department of Education estimates that total college enrollment will rise to a record 15 million this year.

And there's no end in sight. Over the next two decades, the number of undergraduate students enrolled in college is expected to increase by an additional 19 percent. While a growing student population could ultimately equal a more prosperous future work force, for the time being, many university officials are challenged to find ways to educate and accommodate the onslaught of new students.

Administrators in California, where college enrollment is expected to grow by 13,000 students every year for the next decade, have begun planning for year-round schooling and more options for class meeting times. The state of Florida has added more flexible and year-round class schedules, and school boards nationwide have started exploring technological innovations that could make distance learning more feasible in the near future. ■



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WELCOME TO THE 10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WHO WILL SERVE THE FOUNDATION THIS BIENNIUM.

Biographies of Anne Sadler Budill, president; Wendy Sears Goshert, vice-president; Debbie Bornmann Allen; and Melanie McLendon Dowell appeared in the Autumn 2000 issue.

SUZANNE STERLING KING, ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH, has been involved with the Gamma Phi Chapter as an adviser and is currently the president of the facility corporation board. She has also been a member of the Galveston, Dallas, and Lubbock Alumnae Chapters.

In addition to Theta, her philanthropic endeavors have been devoted to the Junior League of Lubbock, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Children's Theatre Performance, and Methodist Hospital. King is a former teacher and coach.

ELORE HERBERT MERRILL, ΓΕ/SAJOS STATE, has extensive experience as a Fraternity volunteer. She served as president of the Long Beach Alumnae Chapter, as an alumnae district president, as a col-

lege district president, and as a member of Grand Council from 1979 to 1981.

Merrill devotes her time to many philanthropic organizations, including the Junior League of Long Beach, CAMEO, Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation, Child Net, and the Long Beach Education Foundation. She is a retired director of volunteer service and gift shop manager.

In addition to serving as a Foundation Trustee, **MARY ANN CHELMINIAK RICHARDS, ΔΣ/BALL STATE**, is a member of the Delta Sigma facility corporation board. She is also serving on the advisory board of Angela House in Michigan City, Ind.; is past president of the Notre Dame Club of LaPorte County; and is on the allocation committee of the United Way. In 1994, the Notre Dame Club awarded Richards the Frank Leahy Alum of the Year Award. She is currently working for the Michigan City Urban Enterprises Association in the area of grant making and endowment development.

MARIJO RYMER, ΔΣ/BALL STATE, has been a college district president, an adviser to the Gamma Omicron Chapter at New Mexico, and an officer in various alumnae chapters across the country.

She has been a member of the Junior League in both Denver and Albuquerque; has served on the Albuquerque Symphony

Guild; been president of the Loveland, Colo., PTA; been a board member of New Mexico Special Olympics and Albuquerque Press Club; and was a founding member of the New Mexico Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association. Rymer is currently vice-president corporate communities for American Medical Response.

MARY JANE PARKER BEACH, BN/FLORIDA STATE, is president of the Fraternity as well as a Foundation Trustee. She previously served on Grand Council as vice-president finance; prior to that, she was a finance regional director and a college district president. Beach has also served on the advisory boards of the Beta Nu/Florida State and Beta Omicron/Iowa Chapters and has been president of the Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter; she is currently a member of the Iowa City Alumnae Club.

Currently assistant vice-president for finance and university services and director of business services at the University of Iowa, Beach is also a member of the Noon Rotary Club and of the University of Iowa Foundation's President's club and is active in her church.

JANE SHEPHERD DICK, EM/PRINCETON, is the Fraternity's vice-president alumnae as well as a Foundation Trustee. She previously served as alumnae district officer and alumnae district president. She is active in the Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter and has served that group as president and treasurer.

In her professional life, Dick has been a curriculum writer and editor, plus manager and instructor for HomeChef cooking schools. Her community involvement includes fund-raising for CASA and the local committee for the 1999 NCAA Women's Final Four basketball championship. ■

2000 Founders' Society

The Founders' Society recognizes Thetas whose annual unrestricted gifts reflect the highest level of commitment to the Foundation. You will receive a specially designed jeweled pansy charm, and your

name will be included in special listings throughout the year.

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Members of the **BETA EPSILON CHAPTER** at **OREGON STATE** pose with Educational Leadership Consultant **AMY DYE**, **BN/FLORIDA STATE**, before a recruitment event.



AMANDA DAEGES, **JACKIE BARBER** and **MEGHAN HOPPE**, all **AP/SOUTH DAKOTA**; **TAMARA PAVASOVIC** and **LYNNE MCCAUL**, **M/ALLEGHENY**; and **KRISTAN KING**, **ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M**, met over the summer while serving as interns on Capitol Hill.



The first Tuesday of every month, members of the **BIRMINGHAM, MICH., ALUMNAE CHAPTER** gather for Theta Bridge Club.



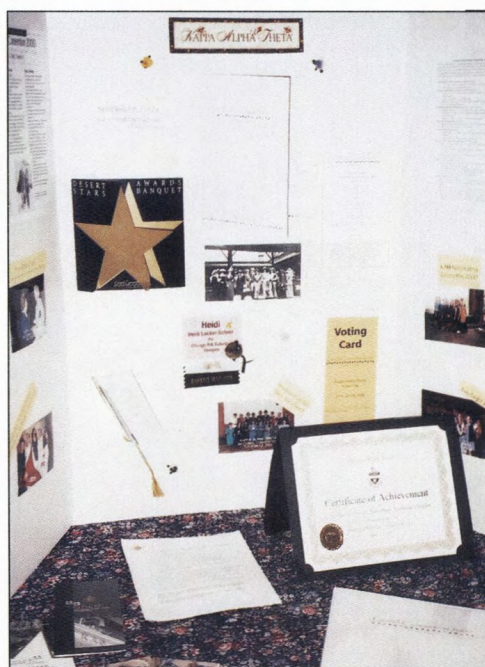
The **ELKHART COUNTY ALUMNAE CLUB** marked fifty years of being an active Theta group. At the luncheon, a member of the club since its beginning in 1950, **JO BYRON**, **B/INDIANA** (left), celebrated with the new president, **SANDY DUWE**, **AX/PURDUE** (right).



RACHEL GRAVEL and **JENNIFER KOVA** attended the graduation of **MICHELLE GRAVEL** and **SARA KAGAY** from the University of Iowa law school. All four are members of **BK/DRAKE**.



BETHANY BERG, **API/NORTH DAKOTA**, and **CAMI DODGE**, **ΓN/NORTH DAKOTA STATE**, said goodbye in their hometown of Waterford City, ND, where they were friends before becoming Thetas, as Dodge left for a year in Sweden.



The **CHICAGO NORTHWEST SUBURBAN ALUMNAE CHAPTER** presented a report on Grand Convention 2000 at their September meeting. The accompanying display includes a badge, voting card, programs from luncheons and dinners, Foundation information, and personal pictures.



MELANIE DUNN, LORI GIUFFRE, KIM CLARK BORDEN, KATHY KRAUS and CHRISTINE REIDL FLADDA, all members of the **IOTA CHAPTER** at **CORNELL**, met in Cranbury, NJ, for a reunion.



Members of the **GAMMA RHO CHAPTER** at **UC SANTA BARBARA** **ANA MORLEY, MICHELLE MARIANO, MOLLY JOHNSON, MELISSA CRISMON, SHANNON MCKEE, DOWNEY HEBBLE and LAURIE COHEN** gathered to celebrate **KATHY GRAVES'S** graduation.



LINDA SALERNO and **AMANDA YATES**, both **ZI/WASHINGTON & LEE**; and **LAURA BRONNER**, **BP/DUKE UNIVERSITY**, accomplished an amazing feat this June. They participated in the **AIDS Ride 5**, a 330-mile, four-day bike ride from Raleigh, NC, to Washington, DC. More than 1,600 riders participated, raising more than \$4.2 million for Food and Friends and the Whitman Walker Clinic, local charities that benefit HIV-positive and AIDS patients.



The junior class from **ALPHA CHI** at **PURDUE** stops traffic on Russell Street in West Lafayette, Ind., in celebration of their new initiates last spring.



KATHY MARTIN, **P/NEBRASKA**, was surprised by her daughter, **SHELLI MARTIN**, **P/NEBRASKA**, at the Omaha alumnae group's Founders Day Brunch. Kathy was honored as Theta of the Year for her outstanding service and active participation with the alumnae and collegiate chapters in Lincoln, Neb.



Members of the **ALPHA CHI CHAPTER** at **PURDUE** took a moment to relax and enjoy the Catskill Mountains in New York last August where they spent the summer volunteering as camp counselors at Camp Compass, a camp for HIV-positive children.



Theta panhellenic delegates from **ΔΦ/CLEMSON**, **ΓΩ/AUBURN**, **ZO/WAKE FOREST**, **BN/FLORIDA STATE**, and **ΔK/LSU** gathered during the Southeastern Panhellenic Conference in Atlanta and exchanged T-shirts at a breakfast.

At a Tallahassee Quarterback Club meeting, **HEATHER MOBLEY**, BN/FLORIDA STATE; **KEYNA DYAR CORY**, ΔΘ/FLORIDA; **HEATHER O'DELL**, BN/FLORIDA STATE; and **ANGELA SPIKER**, BN/FLORIDA STATE, met ESPN sportscaster Lee Corso.



JOSIE DUCKETT stayed with **MEAGAN JESSEN** and **VERA-LEIGH SADLOCH**, all BΦ/PENN STATE, while she was working for Victory 2000, the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia.



Of 52 participants in a Leadership Oklahoma trip to London and Edinburgh, six were Thetas: **DONNA KENNEDY VOGEL**, BB/RANDOLPH-MACON; **MARTHA HERT LYON**, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE; **MARY LEE HERT DRAPER**, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE; **NANCY LAUGHLIN LEONARD**, BO/IOWA; **RANELL BULES BROWN**, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE; and **ANN HOLMES PARKER**, K/KANSAS.

Close friends and teammates from high school, **KATIE RADCLIFF**, B/INDIANA; **LISA TOWNSEND**, O/USC; and **AVERY GHOLSTON**, ZI/WASHINGTON & LEE, went to different colleges and later found out that they are no longer just friends, but also sisters in Theta.



HOPE TAFT, BΣ/SOUTHERN METHODIST (First Lady of Ohio); **STACIE PELTON**, AΓ/OHIO STATE (Columbus alumnae chapter president); **CAROL NOLAN DRAKE**, ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN (Columbus alumnae programs); and the Columbus Alumnae Chapter held their second annual Senior Link program in April at the Governor of Ohio's Residence in Bexley, Ohio.



Members of the **RICHMOND ALUMNAE CLUB** and the advisory boards of the EΨ/RICHMOND and EO/RANDOLPH-MACON Chapters celebrated Founders Day together.



Members of the **ZETA IOTA CHAPTER** at **WASHINGTON & LEE** gathered in front of their new house at the end of the construction in the fall of 2000.



LISA TODD McMULLEN, SUE ROBINSON SWITZER, PAT CAMERON DENMAN, TOBI LINEHAN KREAGER, NANCY HOLTZMUELLER SCHAFER, and NANCY PICKETT BUCKINGHAM, alumnae from the **ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER** at **OHIO STATE**, enjoyed a 25-year reunion aboard the cruise ship *Tropicale*.

MICHELLE LANDAU BROOKS, **AI/WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY-ST. LOUIS**, has received the Emerging Leader Award from the National Council of Jewish Women, St. Louis Section.

DARCY A. THOMPSON, **ΦΔ/STANFORD**, has just completed her MD at Yale, with a year out to get her Masters in Public Health at Harvard.

Thompson was honored at graduation with the Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation, which is awarded to outstanding women in the class of 2000 who are enrolled in the MD/MPH



Program. She is currently doing a three-year residency in pediatrics at UCSF in San Francisco.

Assistant Buyer for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., **SUSAN MCFERRIN NIELSEN**, **ΔN/ARKANSAS**, was recently awarded the Sam M. Walton Hero Award at the company's annual managers' meeting. She was recognized for job performance, inventory control, going above and beyond the call of duty, and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. The award is given annually to approximately 100 of the company's one million associates.

CATHY FOUTZ, **Λ/VERMONT**, has made a lot of wishes come true for seriously ill children. She has been volunteering for the Vermont Make-a-Wish Foundation since the early 1990s. During that time, she set up its first office, coordinated special projects,

assisted with fund-raising and publicity, and served on various committees. Not only does she dedicate her time to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, but she is also co-president of the Champlain Valley Junior Service League, treasurer of the Hinesburg Elementary School P.T.O. and a property manager for the Lambda Chapter. She was recently recognized as Volunteer of the Week by the Burlington Free Press of Burlington, VT.

CELIA MORRIS, **ΑΘ/TEXAS**, recently published *Finding Celia's Place*. This book was inspired by her ex-husband, Willie Morris and his book, *New York Days*. A chapter in his book concerns their marriage, and now she is having her say on the subject. She believes men have told "too many of the world's stories" and hopes that this book will help to reconstruct her own



DEBBIE THOMAS SHERK and **NANCY HOLTZMULLER SCHAFER**, both **ΑΓ/OHIO STATE**; **MOLLIE ROCCO BISHOP**, **ΔΟ/ALABAMA**; **SANDY SKINKLE LAUBENTHAL**, **ΑΤ/CINCINNATI**; and **STACEY BULLARD YARGER**, **Τ/NORTHWESTERN**, participated in the Dayton Alumnae Chapter's annual flower sale.



1991 new members from **BE/OREGON STATE** posed during a "Baby Luncheon." Back row: **MICHELLE FERRARA MCGINLEY**, **CARON HELLBUSCH**, **KIM MANSETH**; middle row: **STACEY BALES FLINT**, **KALI LEMMON NELSON**, **KIRA WILLIAMS WOODS**, **DANA EGGERICH CARTER**, **TAMMY WILLIAMS CONWAY**; front row: **JENNIFER ABBOTT**, **ERIN WILSON**, **TOMI FRANKLIN KLUVER**.



SUSAN KLEIN SCHMIDT, ΔM/RHODE ISLAND; ANGIE SCHMIDT STRICKLAND, and ASHLEY PLAXICO, both BP/DUKE; and NANCY BATEMAN PLAXICO, AH/VANDERBILT, are mother/daughter duos who celebrated graduation day at DUKE UNIVERSITY.



LAURA MIKLOS, KAREN PLATT, MICHELLE GORDON, VERA KRAINIK, REBECCA WEATHERWAX, and MELISSA HUSSON, members of the ZETA SIGMA CHAPTER at OHIO NORTHERN, celebrated Founders Day with the Toledo Alumnae Chapter. They are pictured with NANCY RULKETTER FAIRHURST, Γ^Δ/OHIO WESLEYAN, who was honored as a 50-year Theta.

life and the lives of other women of her generation. Celia Morris's first book was a biography of Fanny Wright, the first woman to speak out against slavery; her second book follows the campaigns of Ann Richards and Diane Feinstein.

CARLA JURUKOV WALKER, ΔΨ/UC Riverside, has taught in the Glendale Unified School District for 11 years and was



recently promoted to assistant to the principal. She received the Masonic Recognition Award for outstanding achievement and meritorious service to public education in 1999. Walker also works as a quality review consul-

tant for California schools, a literacy trainer, and an English trainer in specially designed academic instruction.

KATHY WATSON, ΔE/ARIZONA STATE, received the Leaders Award from the Arizona Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. This award is presented annually to one family and consumer sciences professional who has made significant contributions to the field through involvement with AAFCS. Kathy is now a nominee along with 49 other award recipients for the 10 national leadership awards given at the association's convention in Chicago.

SUZANNE HAIK TERRELL, ΑΦ/NEWCOMB-TULANE, recently was elected as commissioner of elections for the State of Louisiana. Since taking office, Commissioner Terrell has reorganized the department and returned \$11 million to the state. Terrell is the first



Members of the DELTA KAPPA CHAPTER at LOUISIANA STATE and the BATON ROUGE ALUMNAE CLUB celebrated Founders Day with a luncheon and ceremony at the Louisiana governor's mansion.



LESLEY HALVERSON KILAYKO, AX/PURDUE, served as scholarship chairperson of the Northwest Suburban (Illinois) Panhellenic Alumnae organization. At the group's first book sale and fund-raiser, Kilayko was joined by HEIDI LOCKER-SCHAEER, Ψ/WISCONSIN; ROBIN OELKERS, ΓΨ/TCU; JOANNE LANGJAHR LUND, Ψ/WISCONSIN; and JILL POCOCK REDMOND, AX/PURDUE.

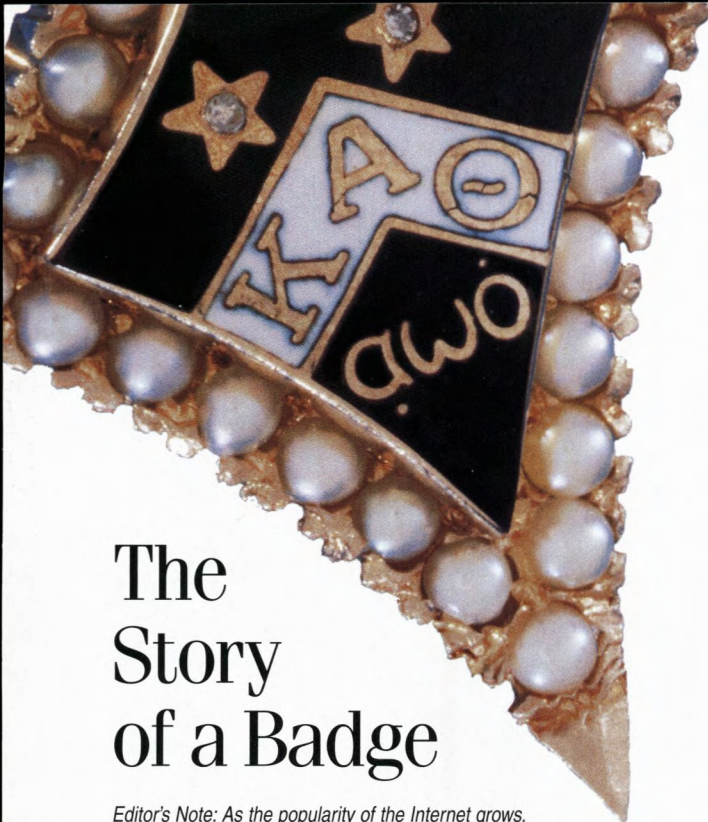
Members of the ZETA IOTA CHAPTER at WASHINGTON & LEE, ALICIA BRANDT, JULIE CLINE, GINNA DUNCAN, DREW POWERS and LUCI LATTIMORE, celebrated the initiation of GINNA DUNCAN, ZI/WASHINGTON & LEE, at Grand Convention in June.

The DENVER ALUMNAE CHAPTER sponsored an American Girls Pastimes® Party to raise funds for CASA.

Republican woman in history to be elected statewide in Louisiana and, prior to her election, she served six years on the New Orleans City Council, where she authored important legislation focusing on telecommunications, neighborhood preservation, and underage drinking.



BETH FOWLER, ΑΘ/TEXAS, author of *Can You Love Me Like My Dog*, has recently been writing and editing *The Spirit of Missions: St. David's Episcopal Church*. The title refers to Austin's oldest public building, St. David's Episcopal Church, and contains many historical photographs and drawings. ■



The Story of a Badge

Editor's Note: As the popularity of the Internet grows, many Thetas have become concerned about the badges they see available on eBay and other online auction sites. While most Thetas retain their badges throughout their lifetimes, badges sometimes do find their way to antique sales, estate sales, or auction sites. The following article tells the story of one such badge, a story that has a happy ending. Please look for further information about Theta badges and their proper disposition in a future issue of The Magazine.

ITEM #: 429094912, Kappa Alpha Theta pin—gold, pearls, diamonds.

DESCRIPTION: this is a gold Kappa Alpha Theta sorority pin with seed pearls and diamonds. I assume it is a sorority pin because it looks like a fraternity pin and has a girl's name on the back, but I am unfamiliar with this group. The pin is not hallmarked, but is most likely 10K gold. The reverse reads "Alpha Pi/Angela Hogan/Oct. 25, 1936."

Hello. My name is Kari Gustafson, and I am a member of the Alpha Pi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at the university of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Our chapter was founded in 1911.

The reason that I am e-mailing you is that I noticed that you are the highest bidder on this Theta pin. I don't know if you are a Theta or not.

Angela Hogan, whose name is on the back of the pin, is a member of our chapter. We were able to contact her, and it turns out that the pin was actually stolen from her house decades ago (along with many other sentimental pieces of jewelry) in a burglary. Angela is now 85 years old and just the sweetest lady in the whole world. I promised her that I would try my hardest to get the pin back for her. I have not yet placed a bid on the pin, but I do plan to because it is so important to me to return this to her.

Since your bid is currently the highest, I thought I'd contact you and let you know the situation, just so that I might have a better chance at making an old woman very happy. This is not a hoax or anything by any means. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail, and thank you so very much for your time.

Hello. My name is India Sachs Radding and, yes, I am an alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta, Zeta Theta 1989. I am so glad to hear that Angela is alive and well and will be receiving her

Theta pin again.

I will not place any more bids on this item and since I am the high bidder I would love to send the pin to you so that you can return it to Angela with my warmest wishes. What a wonderful thing you did in finding her. I know that college students must watch their spending, so I would love to pay for the pin.

Things like this remind me of the true meaning of our Theta sisterhood.

Hello. I saw the Kappa Alpha Theta pin that you have for sale on eBay. I am Kari Gustafson, a member of the sorority house that the pin is from. It belongs to one of our alumnae, Angela Horton Rector, who was initiated here in 1936.

Mrs. Rector is now 85 years old and living in Montana. The pin was stolen from her home years ago, along with other jewelry, such as her wedding rings. I spoke with her this morning, and she would love to have her pin back. Our pins are very special to us!

I am really hoping that you can help us out with this and return the pin to Mrs. Rector, since, after all, it is stolen property. I can be contacted through e-mail or the following phone number. Thank you so much for your time.

Hi, Keri. I bought the pin from a reputable antiques dealer in Montana. I knew it was an old pin and would probably sell pretty well on eBay, and I have been pleasantly surprised by the results so far.

But I, too, have had items of value stolen. I can affirm that there is nothing more invasive and infuriating than the thought of a stranger pawing through your things and taking what they think they can sell for a quick buck.

If this pin has been stolen from Mrs. Rector, née Hogan, and she can still be found, I would definitely return it. I would simply like to talk to Mrs. Rector myself. If you would send me some contact information, I would be happy to go about resolving this unfortunate situation. In the meantime, I will end the auction early. (If I can ever get through to eBay; I have been unsuccessful so far tonight.)

Best, K. Wilson

Dear Mr. Wilson:

You don't know how happy you have made me and the women of my chapter! All I can say is a hundred thousand THANK YOUs! It's so nice to know that there are people like you who feel for others. Angela Hogan Rector is so excited; she says she feels like it is a dream come true. I just spoke with her (after I finished crying!), and she is more than happy to speak with you.

Again, thank you so much; it means the world to all of us here at Kappa Alpha Theta.

Sincerely, Keri Gustafson

Hello, Kari. I just got off the phone with Mrs. Rector. She sounds like a remarkable woman. Needless to say, she was pretty amazed that her pin has surfaced again. Sort of reminds me of the Steadfast Tin Soldier. Anyway, we have made arrangements for getting her and her pin back together.

For all the praise you have heaped on me, it sounds like your sorority is similarly worthy of praise for your concern in this matter. It says a lot for an organization when they are willing to help members out as you folks have done. I know Mrs. Rector is grateful to you.

Have a successful year in school; I'm sure you will.

Regards, K. Wilson

On Founders Day each year, Thetas everywhere pause in their busy lives to celebrate the anniversary of our Fraternity. In this celebration, our members—more than 150,000 strong—form an invisible Theta chain that reaches around the world. It is a chain that truly links us heart to heart.

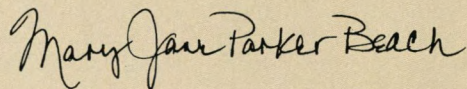
This year, we commemorate not only the 131st anniversary of Kappa Alpha Theta, but also the 75th anniversary of the Friendship Fund.

The Friendship Fund is a tangible demonstration of the love and concern we feel for one another. It is based on a beautiful, timeless idea—sisters reaching out to sisters. During a period of need, the care, love, and support demonstrated by a Friendship Fund gift has made all the difference to hundreds of Thetas.

A recent Friendship Fund gift provided help to a Theta mother whose young daughter was diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition. Another gift gave assistance to a Theta and her family during a period of economic hardship. The stories are heartbreaking, and the notes of gratitude speak of the love and appreciation the recipients feel.

When we give to the Friendship Fund, we reaffirm our belief that Kappa Alpha Theta is larger than ourselves and that what we give to one another comes full circle. Please give generously in honor of our Theta friendships—the strong, bright links in the long chain of Theta sisterhood.

Loyally,



Mary Jane Parker Beach
President



Founders Day & Friendship Fund Message

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Since its establishment in 1926, the Friendship Fund has provided gifts to Thetas experiencing extreme financial hardship due to serious or terminal illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences. One very important aspect of the Fund is the secrecy surrounding the giving of gifts. Two members write on behalf of a sister, and the Friendship Fund committee determines the award amount. The requesters remain anonymous, and all records are confidential.

Most contributions to the Friendship Fund are made through Founders Day gifts.

The suggested contribution is \$1 for each year of Theta membership.

The Friendship Fund is under the management of The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, so all gifts to it are tax-deductible. Checks, made out to the The Foundation with "Friendship Fund" noted on the memo line, may be sent to

Foundation Headquarters
8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268

Welcome, Eta Eta and Eta Theta!



The charter class of Eta Eta Chapter at Albertson College of Idaho.

Kappa Alpha Theta's 121st active chapter, Eta Eta, was installed on the Albertson College of Idaho campus in Caldwell, Idaho, in October. Twenty-seven collegians and four alumnae were initiated at services on Saturday, Oct. 14. Fraternity President Mary Jane Beach, BN/Florida State, presided over the chartering of Eta Eta, which took place at a formal installation luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 15.

The second new chapter of the fall semester—Eta Theta—was installed in November on the University of Central Florida campus in Orlando,

Fla. Eighty-four women were initiated at services on Friday, Nov. 17, and Saturday, Nov. 18. President Mary Jane Beach presided over the weekend's activities, all of which took place at the Renaissance Orlando Resort, the future site of Grand Convention 2002. Sunday's installation luncheon celebrated Theta's success at UCF and was attended by more than 200 guests.

Many thanks to the Fraternity officers, educational leadership consultants, and staff members who served on the two installation teams. They include Linda Pieplow,

ΓM/Maryland, vice-president college; Ann Varey, ΓZ/Connecticut, vice-president extension; Kathy Tonkel, H/Michigan, previous vice-president extension; Cay Eckland, AΘ/Texas, music coordinator; Jodi Verdicchio, ΔΘ/Florida, and Susan Haufe, ΓΨ/TCU, education district directors; Kelly Mullin, AΣ/Washington State, alumnae district officer; Kristen Beck, ΔΘ/Florida, administrative district director; Sharon Gordon-Girvin, BN/Florida State, facility corporation district director; Debbie Allen, ΔΘ/Florida State, Foundation trustee;



The installation team included Fraternity officers and staff and was assisted by local alumnae.

Betsy Corridan, BO/Iowa, executive director, Kelley Hurst, BI/Colorado director of chapter services; Carol McLaughlin, EΠ/Bucknell, assistant director of chapter services; Ashley Wheatley, A/DePauw, fraternity relations coordinator; and Amy Manaugh, Γ/Butler, Colette Bridgman, ZP/UC San Diego, Lara Perry, ZP/UC San Diego, Joanna Pini, ΓZ/Connecticut, Kristen Magnes, A/Alpha; Kellie McClellen, ΔH/Kansas State; Stacy Chestnut, BI/Colorado; Erin McCrea, BN/Florida State; and Stacey Paullin, ΓΨ/TCU, educational leadership consultants. Kites were indeed flying high over Idaho and Florida!

In February, the new executive officers of Eta Theta and Eta Eta will attend the District V leadership conference in Atlanta and the District VIII leadership conference in Portland, respectively. Two educational leadership consultants are based with each chapter and will provide support; guidance; and education on programming, policies, and current issues facing today's college women.

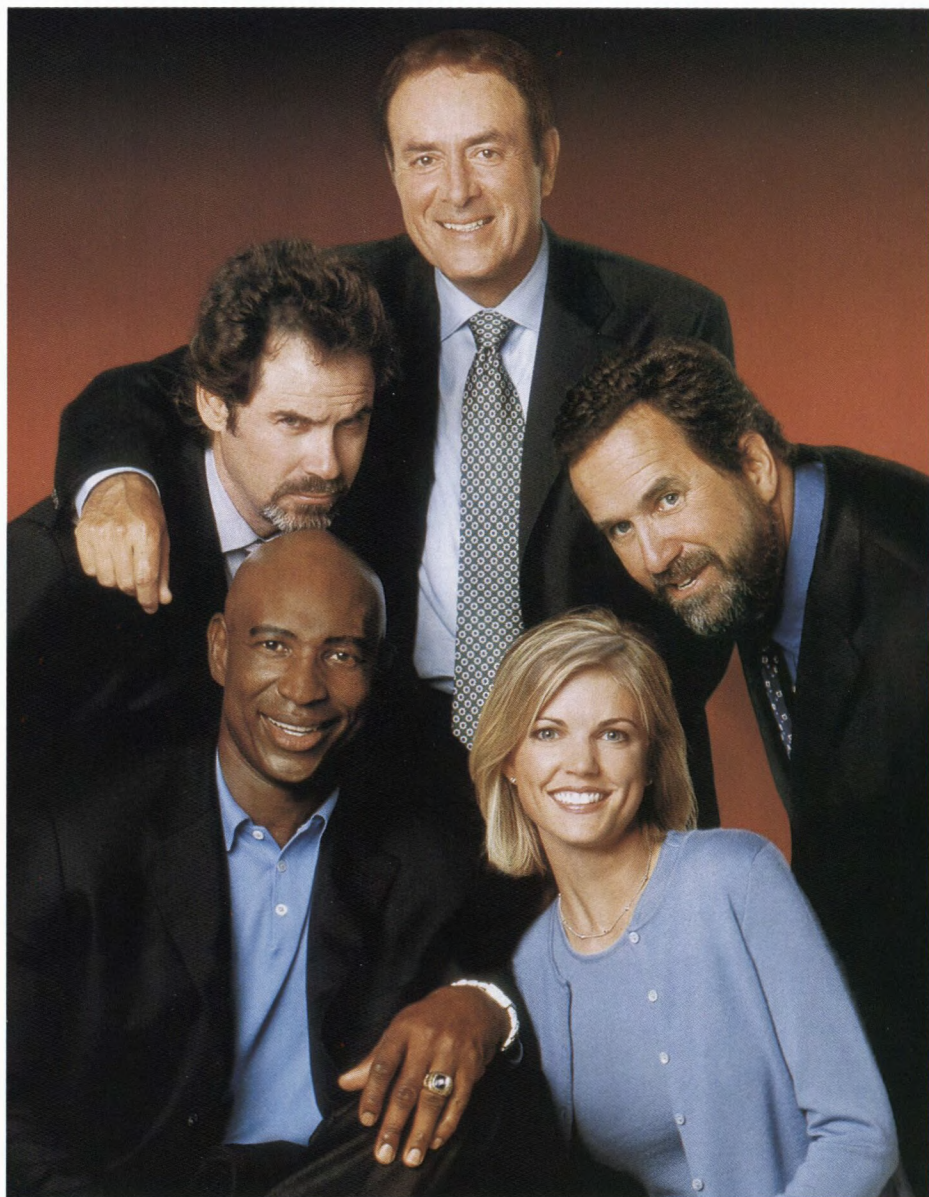
The Fraternity will next install the Eta Iota Chapter at the University of San Diego, March 2 through 4. ■



Installation of the Eta Eta Chapter took place at a formal luncheon.

Making Headlines From the Sidelines

Reporter Melissa Stark tackles Monday Night Football with grace and a bit of grit



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To borrow a phrase from the football lingo she loves, Melissa Stark's meteoric career rise compares to a two-minute offense—rapid, rather risky, and executed to win.

"The adrenaline is always pumping," says Stark of her current job as sidelines reporter for ABC's *Monday Night Football*. "I see and hear things down on the sidelines, and I have to decide what's interesting and get information on the air as soon as possible. It takes a lot of self-editing and thinking on my feet."

"My job requires a ton of preparation, and I have to be pleasantly aggressive, confident, personable and informative."

On Camera

That combination comes naturally to Baltimore, Maryland-native Stark, 26, Delta Chi/Virginia. While attending UV, Stark spent two summers as an intern with *CBS Evening News* in New York, where she worked on the medical news unit with current NBC News chief medical correspondent Bob Arnett, M.D. She also interned as producer/reporter for the university's syndicated football and basketball coaches' shows.

by Jan Schmitz Mathew, Δ/Illinois

The *Monday Night Football* "team" includes (clockwise from top) Al Michaels; Dan Fouts; Melissa Stark, ΔX /Virginia; Eric Dickerson; and Dennis Miller. The show is the longest-running prime-time sports program in TV history.

A love of politics and international travel led the Phi Beta Kappa student to a double major in foreign affairs and Spanish, and advice from colleagues pointed her toward a career in broadcast journalism.

"I picked a lot of brains at CBS, and people in the field advised me to major in an area that would require a lot of writing and, beyond that, to focus on job experience," Stark recalls. "They basically said, 'Have fun, and just get out there and do it.'"

Although she envisioned a position in news reporting, Stark's tapes snagged the attention of the sports world. After graduating from UV in 1995, she joined Home Team Sports, a regional sports network in the Baltimore/Washington, DC, area, where she honed her broadcast skills as a producer/reporter covering the Baltimore Orioles, Washington Bullets, and Washington Capitals.

One year later, an agent hooked her up with ESPN as host of *Scholastic Sports America*, the network's weekly program devoted to high school athletics. Stark's climb continued with a promotion to bureau reporter for ESPN's *SportsCenter* in 1997. The position afforded opportunities to interview baseball great Cal Ripkin of the Baltimore Orioles after his 3,000th hit, and President Bill Clinton when he threw out the first ball for the Baltimore Orioles' 1996 season opener. "Some of my favorite interviews were feature pieces for ESPN," Stark says. "Post-game interviews from games with dramatic finishes are the most fun to do. They're filled with emotion and spontaneity."

Stark found herself on the receiving end of high emotion when an unexpected call came from legendary sports producer Don Ohlmeyer last June. Charged with revamping the 31st season of ABC's floundering *Monday Night Football* format, Ohlmeyer had tracked Stark's work for ESPN and hand-picked her as a key member of a fresh team. "I didn't go after the *Monday Night Football* job," Stark explains. "I had heard a lot of talk about proposed changes in the booth, but I had no idea they were planning changes on the sidelines."

Stark signed a three-year contract, a generous agreement that means she'll return to ESPN after the football season to cover baseball spring training and the NBA playoffs (Disney owns ABC and 80 percent of ESPN.), and that makes 'Melissa Stark' a household name among armchair quarterbacks nationwide. Bob Eaton, vice-president and managing editor of ESPN's news operation, predicted Stark's success in an article in *The Baltimore Sun*: "She's a good reporter, and she comes prepared," Eaton was quoted as saying. "In many ways, some of the things we call on reporters to do on *SportsCenter*, while not before an audience as big as for

Monday Night Football, are challenging. The depth of knowledge they have to show, under less-than-ideal circumstances, is demanding. Melissa has a good level of confidence and a good feeling of who she is."

Following Stark's debut broadcast, an article in the *Oklahoman* deemed her ABC's new "sideline star," and "the smartest addition to *Monday Night*'s lineup."

"I'm the type of person that would never, ever put myself in a position to fail," Stark says. "The goal of our broadcast team is to make *Monday Night Football* fun for viewers to watch. Five different viewpoints are represented, including African-American, football Hall of Famer, and female. Adding Dennis Miller was great, too. He's the surprise element because he's so funny and quirky."

For at least one fan, Stark's ability and ultimate success were never in doubt. "Because I know Melissa so well, I wasn't at all surprised when she got the *Monday Night Football* job," says mother Polly Stark, Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma. "I've seen her grow up, and I saw it coming. She thinks very well on her feet, she presents a good picture, and she's very, very determined."

Behind The Scenes

The resolve extends off-camera as well. From her midtown Manhattan apartment, Stark immerses herself in what she calls football "homework."

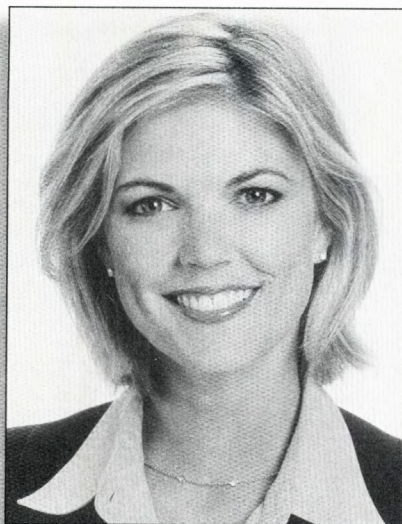
Her studies begin first thing on Tuesday mornings, when she reviews tapes from the prior evening's broadcast. Next, she preps for the upcoming Monday night's NFL match-up, viewing the teams' tapes and contacting coaches and players to schedule pre-game interviews. In addition, Stark reads four newspapers a day. Sports magazines compete for shelf space along with books such as Bob Woodward's *Shadow: Five Presidents and the Legacy of Watergate* and Robert McNamara's *In Retrospect: The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam*.

After three days of home study and preparation, she flies out on Friday with the *Monday Night Football* crew (veteran broadcaster Al Michaels, NFL Hall of

Famer and former all-pro quarterback Dan Fouts, comedian Dennis Miller, and NFL Hall of Famer and former all-pro running back Eric Dickerson) to the NFL game's host city. Saturdays are spent at the home team's practice where she interviews players for the broadcast's sound bites, followed by a late Saturday meeting with the staff. Stark spends Sunday interviewing the opposing team's coach and players, and, after an early Monday morning staff meeting, the ABC team attends pre-game special events or pep rallies. Cameras roll by 8 PM Central Time on Monday, and the crew flies back to New York late Monday or early Tuesday.

"Even though I don't sleep much, this schedule still feels like cutting back," Stark laughs. "My workload with ESPN was even more intense—I'd leave on Thursday to cover Sunday and Monday games, come back on Tuesday, and leave again on Thursday."

"Everything's
happened really,
really fast. I went
from high school to
Monday Night Football
all in one decade,
and that's
unprecedented."



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The learning curve is endless, Stark says, as are the opportunities for growth and self-improvement. "I call my mom at half time of every game to ask her how I'm doing. Did I smile? Did I talk too fast? Was my hair blowing all over the place?"

"Melissa writes all of her own material, and there's no TelePrompTer," adds Polly Stark. "Sometimes the camera will just go to her on the sidelines, and she won't know it's coming. During one broadcast, a fireworks spark hit her sweater. Melissa stayed focused and just kept talking."

Poise under pressure is difficult, but Stark feels perseverance pays off. "Professional football is clearly a male-dominated world. Some players will make you feel uncomfortable, and I'm not naïve about that. You have to earn your place. I simply get the facts, report the story, and earn their respect through the job I do. I'm lucky, too, because a lot of women have paved the way for me in sports."

Although Melissa Stark the journalist is unbiased and factual, Melissa Stark the sports fan admits to a few favorites. "I feel a certain connection to players like Chris Slade (New England Patriots) who went to school at the University of Virginia, and Tiki Barber (New York Giants), who was my first interview at UV. Steve Young (San Francisco 49ers) is a good friend and a great interview. He always has something good to say—very honest and no clichés."

Off Camera

Even when the cameras aren't rolling, Stark thrives on action. She and fiancé Michael Lilley, a bond trader at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Company and a former Marine and onetime Princeton football player, enjoy golf, tennis and skiing. "It feels crazy for me to sit still," Stark says. When her schedule permits, she's quick to hop a plane

to Redondo Beach, Calif., to visit brother, Jay, or Sarasota, Fla., to spend time with her sister, Heather Anderson, a physician. "We're a very tight family," she says, "and I try to talk to everyone once a day. They keep me grounded."

Polly Stark saw her daughter's energy, as well as hints of a network television career, early on. "Melissa was a wonderful child, and she was very interesting to watch as she grew up," she says. "When Melissa was five years old, she danced in the local theater's production of *Nutcracker*. There were about twenty performances and, because she was only five, I went to every one of them."

"Even though it was wonderful, I was relieved when it was all over and asked Melissa if she was, too. She said, 'Oh no, Mom. I love being on stage!'"

Stark's early exposure to professional sports came from her father, Walter, a professor of ophthalmology at Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. "Dad was the team doctor for the Baltimore Colts, and I grew up going to their games," Stark recalls. "Once in a while, I'd get to go in the locker room with dad at half time."

As a high school student, Stark was president of several clubs at Baltimore's Roland Park Country School, where she also was class valedictorian and tennis team captain.

Academic excellence, as well as a healthy interest in sports, continued at the University of Virginia where, to her mother's delight, Stark pledged Theta.

"The sorority was a real learning experience for Melissa," says Polly Stark, who hosted a 25-year reunion for her Theta sisters in Rehoboth Beach, Del., last summer. "She learned how to get along with a lot of different women, and had the opportunity to chair several house committees. The camaraderie and support were wonderful for her."

"In a large university setting, Theta was always something very positive, and the house always felt like a place to come home to," Stark adds. "It was an excellent bonding experience and, to this day, my best friends are Thetas." Three Thetas will be among the attendants in her May 27 wedding, a date planned

carefully around football season, Stark says, laughing.

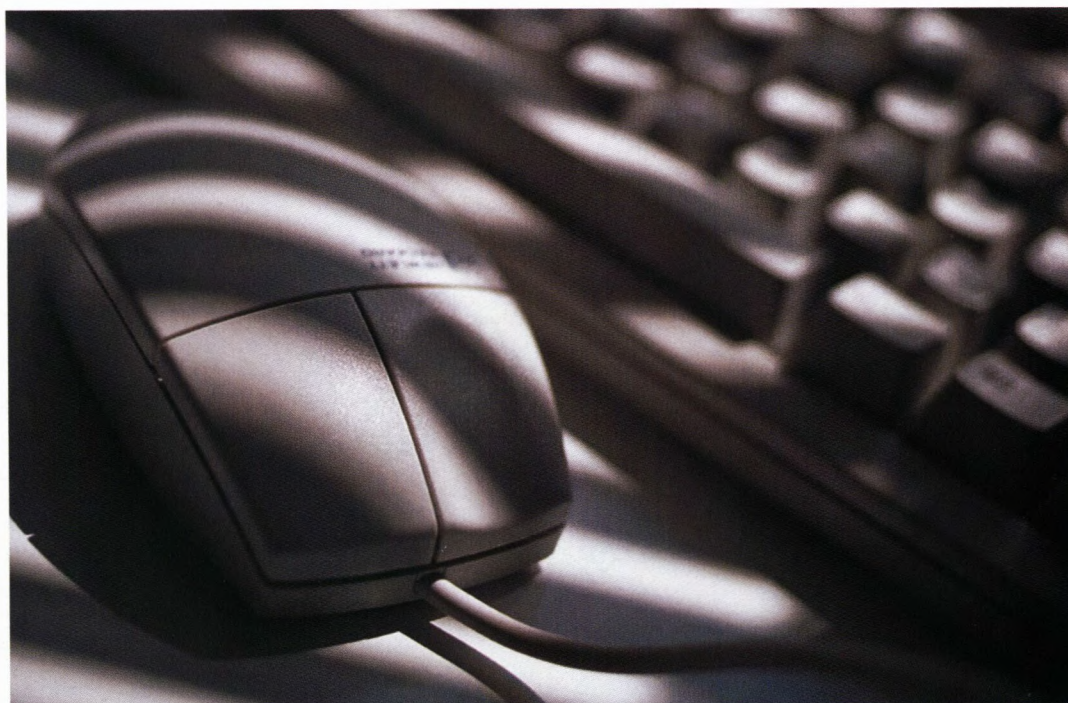
Marriage will cap a heady decade for Stark, one that saw her go from high school graduation to national television. The next ten years, she says, are wide open.

"Women who are younger than me tell me I'm an inspiration to them, and that's truly rewarding," Stark says. "But television is changing so much, and I'd still like to ultimately move from sports to news, or possibly host a newsmagazine or morning show. I'd really like to cut back on the traveling in the next five or 10 years."

"There's some sadness for me, because Melissa's lost her anonymity," admits Polly Stark. "My wish for her is that she be happy with herself. She's very driven to succeed, but I don't feel she necessarily needs to continue in this role."

"Melissa can already rest on her laurels."

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THETA IN THE FOREFRONT

Theta is the First Women's Fraternity to Mandate Fire Safety

by Jeff Rinck, assistant director of administration, Kappa Alpha Theta

More than seventeen hundred fires occur every year in student housing facilities at colleges and universities in the United States. In one recent dormitory fire at Seton Hall University, three students were killed. In another fire—at a fraternity house at Bloomsburg University—three young men died. Yet another student was killed in his fraternity house at Millikin University.

These statistics are tragic. But even more tragic is the fact that these deaths were preventable.

According to an article in the March/April 2000 issue of *National Fire & Rescue Magazine*, there has never been a multiple-fatality fire in a building with a

complete sprinkler system. The author of the article, Daniel Jones, is the fire chief of Chapel Hill, NC, and he writes, "In my 26 years of fire-fighting, I have been on-scene at a number of fire deaths in structures. Every one of those victims would have been saved by a fire-sprinkler system."

Jones was a speaker at the North American Interfraternity Conference National Housing and Risk Management Conference in 1999. Kappa Alpha Theta's Facility Corporation Committee—comprising the vice-president finance and the facility corporation district directors

(FCDDs)—attended the conference, and they heard Jones's story of a 1997 fire at a University of North Carolina fraternity house that took five lives. Impressed with his explanation of the success rate that sprinkler systems have in combating these types of fires, the Committee proposed a mandate that all Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity housing facilities have a fire-sprinkler system installed by the end of summer 2002. When Grand Council received the proposal, they immediately and unanimously voted to approve this lifesaving initiative.

"It was so clear to all of us—both the committee members and Grand Council—that this is something we need to do," says Mary Jane Beach, Fraternity president and then-vice-president finance. "Theta has a long history of strong support for our college women, and every Fraternity officer is committed to guarding the safety of our members in our facilities."

The Fraternity is fortunate that fire-sprinkler systems were already present in many facilities. Last summer, two more facilities joined the forward-thinking ranks of facilities with sprinklers. Gamma Chapter at Butler University and Gamma Delta Chapter at the University of Georgia, both showplace facilities, were the first chapters to install sprinkler systems under the new mandate.

The facility corporation board members of both Gamma and Gamma Delta hired Grinnell Fire Protection to install their new systems. Based on the high level of professionalism and workmanship that was shown in both installations, Kappa Alpha Theta has decided to contract with Grinnell on a national level. This will afford preferred pricing, as well as corporate oversight, to any facility corporation that chooses to use Grinnell. Heather Walker, Gamma/Butler, facility corporation treasurer at Gamma Chapter, was highly pleased by the ease and smoothness of the installation process. "Grinnell took care of absolutely everything. They called every step of the way."

To ease the financial burden of this mandate, Grand Council has approved financing for the installation of fire sprinkler systems to all chapters in need of such assistance. The terms of

Fire alarms are no longer enough. All Fraternity-owned housing facilities will be equipped with a fire-sprinkler system by the end of summer 2002.





There are four sprinkler heads in this photograph of the living room at the Gamma Chapter house at Butler. The sprinkler system was designed to blend with the formal interiors.

these loans are zero percent and zero payments for the first year with the loans bearing an interest rate of five to seven percent thereafter, with the length of the loan to be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Grand Council has also offered to guarantee any loan from a local source for the purpose of installing sprinkler systems. In addition to these financing options, all facilities with a fully installed sprinkler system will receive a 15-percent reduction in property insurance premiums, and the Fraternity's insurance carrier, CGU, will waive the deductible for property damage in the unlikely (one in 16 million chance) event of a system failure and subsequent discharge of water.

This first-of-its-kind initiative has drawn approval from professional fire-safety groups such as the National Fire Protection Association. Organizers of NFPA's Fall Education Conference asked Theta to send a representative to speak to their members about the initiative and how to implement it. This honor acknowledges the importance that Kappa Alpha Theta places on the safety of its' members.

The insurance industry has also expressed its support. Cindy Stellhorn, Beta/Indiana, vice-president of M-J Insurance, Inc., says, "As the property and casualty insurance agent for Theta, as well as eighteen of the other NPC groups, I have been extremely

impressed with the leadership that Kappa Alpha Theta has taken on this matter of life safety. When parents send their children off to college, they expect that college housing will be safe. Theta's position on sprinkler systems is going the full distance to ensure this! On a selfish note, as a Theta, I am very proud of the Fraternity."

The fire prevention and insurance industries are not the only groups pleased with Theta's sprinkler mandate. Parents of members at both Gamma Delta and Gamma Chapters have also voiced their approval. According to Mary Gannon Gunn, Gamma Delta/Georgia, facility corporation president at Gamma Delta, "The parents were happy. I wrote a letter to them this summer, with a copy of the house rules. When the parents got here, they were delighted that their daughters were safe."

While all parties agree that implementing this initiative will be hard work, they also agree that if one life is saved it will have been more than worth the effort. Heather Walker says, "There's no doubt that it puts minds at ease. Any time the chapter house alarm goes off, that phone call in the middle of the night always scares me, and to know we have that one more back-up to help save a disaster is a blessing for everybody."

Mary Gannon Gunn is even more

adamant; "It was relatively painless and certainly worth the effort, and the girls are safe, and everything got done at once."

Members or parents wishing to monetarily support this lifesaving initiative may donate directly to the chapter of their choosing. Those with questions regarding this initiative may contact Jeff Risser, director of finance and administration; Jeff Rinck, assistant director of administration; or Karen Ledbetter, vice-president finance, at 800-526-1870 or info@kappaalphatheta.org.

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Tennis Champ Treasures Friendships Over Trophies

by Erin Kretzschmar, AM/Missouri

Pauline Betz Addie, Gamma Gamma/Rollins, holds many fond memories of her days as the number-one-ranked female tennis player in the world, including victories on Centre Court at Wimbledon and at "the tournament in Forest Hills," now known as the U.S. Open.

And she has equally fond memories of her days as a collegiate Theta and the friendships she formed.

While attending Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., on a tennis scholarship, Addie joined the Gamma Gamma chapter and was initiated on Founders Day, 1941.

From there, her tennis career blossomed, and so did her college experience in Theta. She won her first U.S. Open singles title in 1941 at age 22 ("Almost better than Wimbledon," she says.), and was the first college student to win the championship at Forest Hills. She also served as the Theta chapter treasurer and as president during her senior year.

"After I had completed college, they still sent me the books to figure, even if I was on the road playing tennis," Addie says. "So you could say I had more going on than just tennis; I was like a Theta consultant, too."

Addie's other post-college activities included winning the 1946 Wimbledon singles title. This led to her being ranked number one in the world.

"All my memories of Wimbledon are good," Addie explains. "I'd heard about Centre Court all my life, and

then I was there to play. I was lucky; I met lots of people along the way."

One of those people was a male tennis star from Belgium, whom Addie then dated.

"I remember him being a little mad at me when I wouldn't go out with him the night before finals. We made up *after* finals. I spent two weeks at Wimbledon—the first week I ran around with people, but the second week I was there to play tennis.

"After Wimbledon was over, my Belgian friend invited a group of tennis players to his home. I remember going to a dance, and some English fellows asked me to dance. I acted like I didn't speak English and that I only spoke French. Needless to say, our host didn't like that!"

So what does the number one-ranked female tennis player in the world do after winning at Centre Court and traveling to Belgium? She goes on to date an actor, of course—Spencer Tracy.

"I met him after Wimbledon, and we dated for about a year and a half," Addie says. "I think I reminded him a little of (Katharine) Hepburn; I'm complicated, and he had to figure me out. But it didn't work out; and after me, he rebounded again."

Following eight years and four U.S. Open titles as an amateur, Addie became a professional tennis player in 1947. She won the world professional championship numerous times, but then decided to start a new career, as a

wife and mother.

Addie and her late husband Bob (a sports columnist for *The Washington Times-Herald* and *The Washington Post*) raised five children—four sons and a daughter.

Yet today, more than 50 years after her days as a champion, Addie—at age 81—still plays the sport she loves, as well as others. "Today I play quite a bit of golf," she admits. "I still play more tennis but I think I now prefer golf."

The winter months find Addie in Tequesta, Fla., where she and a friend live from November to April. While there, they keep their many sporting skills sharp.

"I try to play a little tennis, golf, and bridge every day," she explains.

In addition to playing tennis, Addie also follows the current stars of the game—the Williams sisters (Venus and Serena), Martina Hingis, and Lindsay Davenport. She especially likes Monica Seles.

"She has a lot of interesting shots," Addie explains. "The players today can hit the ball so much harder with graphite rackets. We only had the old wooden ones."

Addie thinks facing one of today's champions, even at the height of her own game, would be a challenge. She says she enjoyed challenging matches and that competitors form strong bonds through sports.

The bonds of both sport and sorority led Addie to her dearest college friend—fellow tennis player and Theta Peggy Welsh Sinclair. The duo roomed together during Addie's final two years at Rollins.

They also played tennis together throughout their college years, bringing their tennis gear—upwards of six rackets and nine pairs of tennis shoes each—to the Theta house at Rollins. "Even beyond tennis and playing the sport in college, I remember my friendship with Peggy. I guess you would say she was my best friend then," Addie says.

Just as Addie recalls her Theta friends, many people remember Addie for her accomplishments on the tennis courts. She receives a handful of autograph and photo requests each week.

"People still like to ask me about the days when I played tennis, as an amateur and a professional," Addie admits. "I'm amazed by the amount of



Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1965, Pauline Betz Addie, $\Gamma\Gamma$ /Rollins, still plays a little tennis everyday.

people who want my picture or my autograph. It amazes me more that they have that long a memory!"

But Addie herself still amazes plenty of people. She still tries to make it to Wimbledon each year; and this summer, the All-England Club honored former champions, including Billie Jean King, Steffi Graf, and Pauline Betz Addie, who, at age 80, was the oldest winner in attendance. The group of tennis greats "held Court" during the tournament's Champions Parade.

"I consider 80 to be old, but I don't think of myself as 80," Addie said at the time.

And Addie doesn't consider herself a famous tennis champion, either. Her son Rick houses his modest mother's 300 trophies in his basement. He recently sent the 1946 Wimbledon trophy to the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RI.

"It's kind of funny, a great trophy like that sitting in the basement for all those years," he said. "When we go out, I have to tell people who she is, and nobody believes she's a Wimbledon champion. It's hard to get success stories out of her."

However, it's easy to see she's a winner. ■

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On a Medical Mission

TWO THETAS HELP NEEDY CHILDREN IN NICARAGUA

Francisco rode his horse for three days, in the rain, to reach the clinic in Esteli, Nicaragua. The 22-year-old hoped for surgery to repair his cleft lip, so he could find a girlfriend and lead a normal life. Two young boys, Johnny and Renaldo, each had several fingers fused together. When they left the clinic, they took with them new baseball mitts for their "new hands."

Renaldo, Johnny, and Francisco received the medical treatment they needed at a free clinic operated by a team of 15 volunteers, including Tina Randolph Fehrenbacher, Alpha Mu/Missouri, and Page Johnson Parkhill, Beta Rho/Duke.



Tina Fehrenbacher, AM/Missouri, and Page Parkhill, BP/Duke, posed at the Managua airport.

It was, in fact, the high incidence of children born with cleft lips and palates in many Third World countries that prompted a Texas physician to found Operation Rainbow in 1978. Originally, the organization arranged one trip per year to the Philippines; two decades later, more than 5,500 children in the US, Central and South America, the Philippines, and China have received assistance.

"How desperately these people want to be helped!" says Parkhill. Designated "entertainment director" by the Nicaragua

team, Parkhill transported almost 200 toys and stuffed animals to Esteli. In addition to she and Fehrenbacher, the team included two surgeons, an anesthetist, an anesthesiologist, four more nurses, Operation Rainbow's executive director, an additional volunteer, a translator, and two attorneys.

With 12 trunks of medical supplies, not to mention the toys, they journeyed from Illinois to Managua and then to Esteli. The team encountered free-roaming livestock, small boys peddling parrots, and pot-holes more than two feet deep. It rained every day of the trip, and the hilly, volcanic area suffered from floods.

The Operation Rainbow team set up their clinic in Esteli Hospital. Although the facility had a good operating room, it lacked many basics, including linens for the plastic-covered mattresses.

The first day began at 7 am and ended at 9:30 pm. Fehrenbacher and the other nurses gave quick physicals to the waiting children, and the doctors determined which patients could be helped. On subsequent days, the nurses checked on the children who had already had surgery. Parkhill and her fellow volunteer accompanied each child to the operating room; later, in the recovery area, they offered hugs and pain medication.

Each member of the team left Nicaragua with fond memories of the families they helped. "It was a life-changing experience for us all," says Fehrenbacher. "And it was made even more memorable for me because I traveled with a good friend and Theta sister, Page."



Fehrenbacher with one of her young patients, Johnny, after his hand surgery at the free clinic.

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THROUGH THE YEARS

At the turn of the last century, members of Kappa Alpha Theta could boast that a number of their sisters were achieving prominence in their respective careers, some in fields that had previously been open only to men. From the Fraternity archives come the life stories of Bertha Van Hoosen, H/Michigan; Anna Botsford Comstock, I/Cornell; Mary Ritter Beard, A/DePauw; and Julia Morgan, Ω/UC Berkeley.

MARY RITTER BEARD, 1876-1958, was a women's rights advocate and historian whose work was viewed with a great deal of antagonism throughout her career.

Mary Ritter was born in Indianapolis and attended DePauw, where she met her husband, Charles Beard. Accompanying him to Oxford, Mary Beard became involved with the British suffrage movement. When they returned to New York, both the Beards enrolled in Columbia University, but Mary soon became disinterested in academia.

In 1907, she began working for the Women's Trade Union League. From 1910 to 1912, she edited *The Woman Voter*, a suffragist periodical; after that, she worked with the Wage Earner's League. She also helped organize women textile workers in New York City.

In 1915, Beard published *Woman's Work in Municipalities*, and in 1920, she published *A Short History of the American Labor Movement*. She collaborated with her husband on a four-volume work, *The Rise of American Civilization*. In the 1930s, she published *Understanding Women*, *America Through Women's Eyes*, and *Laughing Their Way: Women's Humor in America*. In *Women as a Force In History*, published in 1946, Beard wrote that women had powerfully influenced the course of history, even in male-dominated societies.

Decades after her death, Beard's contributions to social history are viewed with considerably more favor than during her lifetime.



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JULIA MORGAN, 1872-1957, is lauded by *The Encyclopedia Britannica* as "... one of the most prolific and important woman architects ever to work in the United States."

Even during childhood, Morgan exhibited a spirit of independence, and by age 18, she had decided on architecture as a career. Since there were no schools of architecture on the West Coast, she enrolled in the engineering program at UC Berkeley and was one of the first women to graduate with a degree in civil engineering.

One of Morgan's professors—himself an architect—invited her and a number of other talented students to meet and work with him in informal seminars. Professor Bernard Maybeck was involved with the Arts and Crafts movement, which became a strong influence on Morgan's work. Maybeck also influenced her to attend the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, the world's foremost architectural school.

In 1896, when Morgan arrived in Paris, foreigners were virtually excluded from attending the prestigious Ecole des Beaux-Arts. An additional obstacle facing the would-be architect was the school entrance exams, which were not formally open to women. Yet, after two years of study and work in a Paris studio, Morgan became the first woman to enter the Ecole's department of architecture. Four years later, she graduated, having overcome the skepticism and hostility of her male classmates and professors, and returned to California. There, she achieved another first, becoming the first woman in the state to be granted an architect's license.

She initially collaborated with her old mentor, Maybeck, on several buildings and then worked in the office of John Galen Howard. In 1904, she opened her own architectural office. Her first independent commission, a bell tower on the campus of Mills College in Oakland, withstood the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

That devastating disaster provided Morgan the opportunity to design hundreds of homes, many churches, and office and educational buildings. Her firm achieved a reputation for high-quality work and served as a training ground for many architects, draftsmen, and artists. During the next 40 years, Morgan and her staff designed and built some 800 buildings, most of them in California, particularly the Bay area. Among Morgan's designs are the Los Angeles Examiner Building, Theta's Omega Chapter facility, the Sacramento Public Market, Livermore House, and the YWCA Conference Center, which became a state monument in 1958.

In 1919, she began a 25-year collaboration with William Randolph Hearst that was to result in her most famous building: the Hearst Castle at San Simeon. Morgan made it into one of the one of the most lavish and ostentatious private residences in the world, and one that successfully incorporated much of Hearst's collection of antiques, works of art, and architectural elements.

Although Morgan worked in a variety of styles, all of her buildings are distinguished by her client-centered approach to design, her use of locally available materials, and her integration of varied architectural traditions. She had a reputation for meticulous craftsmanship, the creation of fine interior spaces, and the ability to deliver outstanding buildings within a tight budget.

After 45 years in practice, during which she shared all her profits with her staff, Julia Morgan closed her office. Over the years, she had declined interviews and refused to enter competitions, insisting that her work spoke for her.

BERTHA VAN HOOSSEN, 1867-1950

A surgeon, a feminist, and a teacher, Bertha Van Hoosen set numerous precedents for women and the medical profession during her lifetime. She was the first female professor and head of obstetrics in a coeducational medical school, the first female to be appointed as an honorary fellow in the International College of Surgeons, and the founder of the American Medical Women's Association.

In her autobiography, *Petticoat Surgeon*, Van Hoosen recalls her reasons for choosing medicine as a profession. "In medicine, I would find use for every aptitude, and a variety of work offered through specializations ... the opportunity for growth and advancement in an ever-expanding science...."

In the 1880s, however, women were expected to become teachers or to stay at home, and Van Hoosen's parents opposed her plan to attend medical school. Undeterred, she immediately began planning how to pay her own way through school. After graduating from the University of Michigan, she spent a year teaching in St. Louis. In addition to working to earn tuition money, she also observed procedures at a local hospital and began studying medical school curriculum on her own.

Thanks to her enthusiasm and hard work, Van Hoosen did well in medical school. She felt strongly, though, that practical experience was as important as academic knowledge. She spent four years as a hospital intern, assistant, and resident physician.

In 1892, confident in her abilities, Van Hoosen opened a medical practice in Chicago and soon discovered the realities of being a female physician. It was difficult to find an office, since no landlord wanted a woman doctor inhabiting his premises. So Dr. Van Hoosen saw patients in their homes, traveling alone by horse and buggy early in the morning or late at night. To supplement her income, she began teaching again as an instructor of embryology. In 1900, she became a full professor of gynecology.

Her professional challenges were far from over, though,

and she was nervous in many situations. She often remarked that her shaking knees were hidden under her petticoat.

"Thank goodness for petticoats," she would say, leading to the title of her autobiography.

Van Hoosen's accomplishments centered around providing education and medical assistance to women, pregnant mothers, and infants. She gave sex education lectures, developed an anesthetic—scopolamine-morphine—for childbirth, and created the so-called buttonhole incision. Knowing firsthand how difficult it was for women to obtain surgical experience, Dr. Van Hoosen adhered to a custom of appointing only women as her assistants. Invited by female colleagues to share her knowledge, she traveled throughout the US, performing as many as 15 operations a day using standardized techniques she developed.

After attending her first American Medical Association conference in 1904, Van Hoosen urged female physicians to band together and create an organization to support and improve the image of women in medicine. It wasn't until 1915, when the surgeon-general refused to accept the application of any one of the 5000 women physicians then in active practice for service in World War I, that women physicians organized against sex discrimination. The efforts of the American Women's Medical Association (AWMA) were realized in 1942, when the Sparkman bill allowed women to enlist in the army and navy Medical Reserve Corps. Today, the AWMA continues Van Hoosen's work by awarding scholarships and supporting female physicians around the world.



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ANNA BOTSFORD COMSTOCK,

1854-1930, was an illustrator, writer, and educator remembered for her work in nature study.

A young entomologist on the faculty at Cornell University first interested Anna Botsford in insect illustration. She also found herself interested in the entomologist himself; they were married in 1878.

After receiving a degree from Cornell in natural history, Comstock studied wood engraving at Cooper Union in New York City. She prepared



the drawings for the Department of Agriculture's report on citrus scale insects and illustrated the textbook *Introduction to Entomology*, written by her husband, John Henry Comstock. In 1888, she was one of the first four women admitted to Sigma Xi, a national honor society for the sciences.

Anna Comstock made engravings for the more than 600 plates in her husband's *Manual for the Study of Insects*. In addition to illustrating *How to Know the Butterflies* and *Insect Life*, she also served as co-author with John Henry. Her engravings were widely exhibited and won several prizes. Books that she both wrote and illustrated include *Ways of the Six-Footed*, *How to Keep Bees*,

The Handbook of Nature Study, *The Pet Book*, and *Trees at Leisure*.

Under the auspices of the state of New York, Comstock planned and conducted an experimental course of nature study for public schools. When it was approved for statewide use, she wrote and spoke on its behalf, helped train teachers, and prepared classroom materials.

For 25 years, she taught nature study at Cornell. She also lectured frequently at teachers' and farmers' institutes and at other universities. She was editor of *Nature-Study Review* and on the staff of *Country Life in America*.

Within Kappa Alpha Theta, Anna Botsford Comstock is remembered as the author of a portion of the Initiation Service; she participated regularly in initiations at Iota Chapter. ■

THETA REUNIONS

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Pictured are 59 of the 71 members of the Delta Epsilon Chapter at Arizona State who gathered for the largest chapter reunion in more than 30 years. The women, who were initiated between 1965 and 1971, journeyed from 20 states and Australia.



Thetas from the Gamma Pi Chapter at Iowa State met for their 10-year reunion. Back row: Sharon DeRycke Lenz, Gini Ohlson, Julie Dunn Siegel, Meg Flenker, Diane Cortilet Weibel, Tracy Wachal Naab, Lisa Kwiat Martyn; front row: Amy Lund, Janelle Jacobs Siders, Nancy Petrick Almási, Heidi Hanna Altfillisch, Dara Price-Olson, Amy Glaser Leimer, Ann Altfillisch Espeset.



Initiates of the Beta Pi Chapter at Michigan State between 1975 and 1979 met for a weekend reunion that included a tour of the chapter house.



To celebrate the 30th anniversary of their graduation, members of the 1965 new member class at the Beta Delta Chapter at Arizona posed for this photograph. They have kept in touch over the years through chain letters, phone calls, and reunions.



Members of the Delta Nu Chapter at Arkansas gathered for a reunion luncheon. Back row: Meri Margaret Martin, Allison Gregory Finch, Lealla Steffan Hoover, Elizabeth Gregory Briley, Lucy Beth Ryall Belew, Jame Whittington Baker, Vikki Cox Harris; front row: Teri Thomas McBrayer, Missy Ellison Fife, Deborah Yeager Clark, Heather Steen, Lisa Payne Kumsher, Paula Norris Deitz.

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Members of the 1988 new member class gathered at the Gamma Chapter facility at Butler for a weekend reunion. From the back left: Betsy Merrill Neumann, Lara Hamilton, Jamie Gray DeWitt, Molly Romary O'Brien, Kim Lewis, Angie Ardizzone Kendall, Jennifer Stafford Riggins, Gail Gorman Sweeney, Kimberly Whorwell Lipps, Diane Fillenwarth Schultz, Krissy Nunemaker, Amy Atkinson Samm.



The 1982 new member class of the Beta Zeta Chapter met to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of their graduation from Oklahoma State.



In La Jolla, Calif., members of the Beta Omicron Chapter at Iowa gathered to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their graduation.



At their five-year college reunion, members of the Alpha Iota Chapter at Washington-St. Louis posed for this photograph. Back row: Claire O'Laughlin, Jessica Lerner, Lauren Moynihan, Kendra Olson Swanson, Natalia Dunaeff, Michelle Landau Brooks; front row: Robyn Hunter, Michelle Parsley, Kristin Griffith, Laura Nathan Ellen.



Members of the 1965 graduating class of the Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Miami celebrated their 35th reunion. Posing on the Oxford, Ohio, campus are Linda Deist Stanley, Barbara Luss Zuehlke, Arlene Deboer Goodman, Alice Polley League, Char Dallas Bonsack, Mary Miller Nay, Pat Plummer Pickett, and Susan Weiss Kasle.

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Thank you to all who submitted photographs of Theta reunions. We're sorry that we didn't have room to publish them all. We will continue to publish photos of reunions in future issues of *The Magazine*.

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by Katie Busby Morrow
by Kathryn Wynn Salvemini
by Ann Mercer Varey

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by Gena Short

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by Doug and Karen Sorensen

Rose Preuss Sowder's 97th Birthday
by Sarah Bourne

Theta Sisters at Nu Chapter
by Mary Anne Bailey

Barbara Thompson Turley's 80th Birthday
by Ann Turley Dreith

Joyce Anne Rogers Vitelli
by Deborah Bornmann Allen

Lisa Von Moll
by Barbara Johnson Brothers

Carolyn Osteen Wilso's birthday
by Geraldine "Tincy" Erwin Miller

Helen Edwards Woodward
by Deborah Bornmann Allen
by Elizabeth M. Prosser

Lois Hamilton Wright
by Mary Ellen Fore Wright

Wendy Bould Wright
by Mary Ellen Fore Wright

Zeta Nu Chapter
by Jennifer Payne

IN CELEBRATION OF:

2000 Beta Nu Reunion
by Beta Nu Reunion Attendees

Anne Baker's Wedding
by Kendall "Kendy" Cusick-Rindone

Katherine R. Bristol
by Jim and Mary Bristol

Maxwell Christopher Cowman's Birth
by Jennifer L. Lucas

Marriage of Kourtney Spencer and Jeff Eshelman

by Jennifer L. Lucas

Gamma Pi Thetas
by Gail Spong Jaroski

Dr. Leanne Goldstein's degree in surgery

by Joan Workun Goldstein

Jan Kepley Keefer & Casas for Kids - Indianapolis

by Meg Gates Osborne

Marriage of Susan Scofield and Robert Martin

by Jennifer L. Lucas

Stephanie Elisabeth Schulman

by Susan Schleu Schulman

Quinn Melia Valentine's Birth

by Lisa Burger Foster

IN MEMORY OF:

Mother
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J. Cleve Allen, father-in-law of Debbie Bornmann Allen

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by Julia Mather Flowers

Marguerite Widman Appleford

by Janet Fullenwider Foster

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by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Owen

Marilyn Miller Bechtold
by Clyde and Claudia Hamm

Julie Betschart
by Susan Gillette Meer

Susan Elizabeth Stone Boeninghausen

by Charla Fly Dent

Mary Forrest Brandriff
by Roberta Berg Daisley

Ruth Gillespie Browne
by Louisville Alumnae Chapter

Shirley Welch Brown
by Janet Brown Reid

Mildred Parkhill Chester
by Bernice Stephens Bresee

Jane Jackson Cox
by Marilyn Denning Felton

Marjorie Hemus Crane
by Mary Warner Kline
by Carolyn Edson Stewart

Sarah Bateman Crosthwaite
by Sherman-Denison Alumnae Club

Mary Lou Street Crowell
by Barbara Eaton Ferguson

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by Janet Clark Horwitz

Kathleen Scanlan Davis
by Ann Hammond Bambrick

Merritt "Din" Dinnage
by Theta Boys Club
by Barbara Bogardus Covey

Betty Lou Blackmore Dolzall
by Betty Lutz Brafford
by Mrs. John P. Holton, Sr.
by Margot Stanley Hunter
by Dorothy Wehling Kelly
by Ellen Hamilton Lojinger

by Mary Jane Shafer Summers

Jill Papac Dunn
by Juli Taormina Halopoff

Larry Edge
by Lisa Holliday Lindsey

Betty Ehrman
by Barbara Ehrman Pearson

Kelly Kennard Eldridge
by Frances Swannstrom MacCollum

Joan Wagner Essex
by Julie Riney Richardson

Eleanor Harris Fell
by Jean Harris Frazier

Clara N. Flemington
by Mary Beth Strand Kirst

Alice Wire Freeman
by Jeanne Brockmann Erwin

Thomas Hastings Gaff
by Mary Jane Hastings Dunfee

Dundee Autenrieth Gates
by Alpha Mu Chapter Facility Corporation Board
by Atterberry Auction & Realty Co., L.L.C.

by Mid Missouri Antique Dealers Association
by Marcia Wyatt Brackman
by Cyd Dodson and Cindy Browne

by Jeanie W. Byland
by Laura Louise Elbring
by Elton Fay
by Rhonda M. Femmer
by William A. Gates, Sr.
by R. Kirk Hankins
by Tina L. Hinds
by Brenda M. King
by Jim and Mimi McRoberts
by Virginia Norris
by Carl J. Poehlman
by Allan and Vivian Purdy
by Mid America Mortgage Services, Inc.
by Mary Helmsstetter Turner
by Ellen J. Whitsitt

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by Bernice Stephens Bresee

Caryl Julius Gillies
by Viola Sorensen Herrick

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by Mary Baker Dutcher

Ruth Bond Gray
by Harriet M. Gray

Katherine Fraser Greer
by Patricia Miller Greer

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by Mary Dorsey Smith

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by Eleanor Mabree Reed

Virginia Ford Hood
by Beth Barbero-Portman

Natalie Hopkins Hopkins
by Sherman-Denison Alumnae Club

Barbara Harrison Hougen
by Mary Jo Bierbaum Ellis

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by Jessie Mathis Kardys

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by Lisa Holliday Lindsey

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Norma Anderson Jorgensen
by Peggy Jo Cook Coker
by Patricia Williams Finley
by Betty Due Sullivan

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by Cleveland West Shore Alumnae Club

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by Bob Diggs Brown and Audrey C. Brown
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by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Edmundson
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by Jerome and Kathleen Fehringer
by Raymond and Deborah Fehringer
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by Lawrence and Dorothy Hansen
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by T. Kilgore
by Mrs. Monroe W. Kriegel
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by Mary Gambill Monnett
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by Barbara Redman
by Odie H. Reed
by Francine Schall
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by Iva E. Smith
by Lynn Harker Thompson
by Robert and Patti Vincent
by Wells Marketing, Inc.
by Anne Williams

Jane Bowers McKinney
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Margaret "Peg" Haymaker McKissock
by Anne Ehrenhardt Nolting

Willie Burkart Metzger
by Carolyn Neal Simpson

Angeline Phelps Meyers
by Mary Hannah Sailors Cruise

Jean Werner Mitchell
by Rosemary McClure Rush

Wanda Molnar
by Vivian Stevenson Delbrook

Ann Babb Nogle
by Betty Berryhill Lauchner

Glenace Olen
by Marcia M. Olen

Rose Jankovsky Paine, mother of Janet Paine Peters
by Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation

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Susan Kay Peterson
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by Gloria Urriola Fundis
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by Kress Harris Whalen

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by Judith English Longacre

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by Anne Sadler Budill
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Earle Seaborn
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by Patricia Moore Poust
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by Susan Swanson Peacock

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IN MEMORIAM

Mary Francis Skelton (Mrs. William H.S.)
Alberta 1941; August 2000

Carol Deremiah Heinrich-Kramer (James)
Butler 1966; October 2000

Mary Socwell Stephanoff (Mrs. Louis)
Butler 1939; October 2000

Elizabeth Johnson Nobis (Mrs. Paul)
Colorado 1935; July 2000

Margaret Foote Tout
Colorado College 1932; November 1999

Susan Lundquist Ward (Mrs. James)
Colorado College 1956; August 2000

Florence McClave Barton (Mrs. Earl)
Colorado State 1918

Betty Ferguson Holmes (Mrs. Robert)
Colorado State 1944; October 2000

Jean Lavine Speed (Mrs. William)
Duke 1941; December 1998

Avis Kent Goodlove (Mrs. William F.)
Florida State 1928; September 2000

Elizabeth Robb Spencer (Mrs. Frank H.)
Idaho 1938; September 2000

Cosette Coffman Crowther (Mrs. Russell)
Indiana 1952

Mary Houghton Boorman (Mrs. Howard)
Iowa 1930; February 2000

Nancy Dunlap Larsen (Mrs. K. Christian)
Iowa 1945; April 2000

Charlotte Blake Nick (Mrs. Gus C.)
Lawrence 1944; September 2000

Christine McLeod Rainey (Derek)
Michigan 1970; August 1996

Frances Baldwin Mulnix (Mrs. Levant)
Michigan State 1935; June 2000

Dundee Autenrieth Gates (Mrs. William A.)
Missouri 1939; August 2000

Patricia Brown Keitel (Mrs. Elmer)
Missouri 1946; June 2000

Sharon Cullmann Schlanker (Mrs. William)
Missouri 1969; October 2000

Phyllis Deaderick Stanley (Mrs. Charles)
Missouri 1942; August 2000

Barbara Shaft Faletti (Mrs. Richard)
North Dakota 1943; March 2000

Ruth Helgerson Nylund (Mrs. Emil)
North Dakota 1929; February 1999

Virginia Tatje Headley (Mrs. Nathan E.)
Ohio State 1938; June 2000

Betty Jean Kindler Link (Mrs. Willis)
Ohio State 1948; August 2000

Suzanne Boyd Lewis (Mrs. Owen B.)
Ohio Wesleyan 1953; March 2000

Lucile Dollinger Johnson (Mrs. E. E.)
Oklahoma State 1923; December 1999

Lynda Bridgers Robinson (Mrs. Davis)
Rollins 1959; August 2000

Sarah Duncan Pace Townes (Mrs. Andrew)
Rollins 1943; September 2000

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San Jose State 1949; June 2000

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San Jose State 1956; September 2000

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San Jose State 1952; January 2000

Helen Dupies Bader (Mrs. Walter)
SMU 1931; August 2000

Caroline Neilson Curtin (Ms. Neale)
Stanford 1928; August 2000

Patricia Boles
Texas Tech 1953; July 2000

Mary Lou Evans Larkin (Mrs. Robert)
UC Berkeley 1944; October 2000

Gloria Cherini Olsen (Mrs. Bernard)
UC Santa Barbara 1960; August 1999

Helen Stave Gillies (Mrs. John D.)
USC 1941; September 2000

Floy Malcom Williams (Mrs. Don)
USC 1926; August 2000

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Vanderbilt 1930; July 2000

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Vanderbilt 1940; August 2000

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Vanderbilt 1949; May 2000

Martha DuMars Davis (Clayton)
Washburn 1926; October 2000

Florence Handy Forst (Mrs. Edward)
Washington State 1933; March 2000

Joanna Collins
Washington-St. Louis 1950; August 2000

Mary Ziercher Lasley (Mrs. Robert)
Washington-St. Louis 1951; August 2000

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Wisconsin 1920; October 2000

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